**Nebraska Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Nebraska Department of Education**

**January 10, 2024**

**12:00-1:00 p.m.**

**12:00 p.m. Welcome (Dr. Clark)**

**12:05 p.m. Discussion of and Feedback for Request for Information proposed by Nebraska Department of Education**

* The Assessment Director went over the timeline for the procurement schedule. The release of the Request for Information (RFI) will be February 7, 2024.
* The Assessment Director asked for suggestions for language revisions on the second paragraph in the Project Description and Scope of Work (Section III) to make sure it clearly states what NDE wants for the key components for a balanced, instructional assessment system.
* TAC provided suggestions on language regarding the key components for Nebraska’s assessment system and specific reference to the balanced assessment system Nebraska supports.
  + This balanced assessment system must be comprised of a summative assessment and a series of optional interim assessments to compliment the summative by preparing students and providing information to the districts to monitor progress and improve instruction.
  + The optional interim assessments should be predictive of the summative scores. These formative assessments should provide data to see if students are on track to proficiency during the school year.
  + Reference a summative assessment with optional interims.
* Other areas TAC remarked upon
  + Be less specific to allow vendors to propose their best solutions
  + Ask for innovative ideas/solutions
  + The computer adaptive model that best fits the design, including within and outside grade levels
  + Interim assessment Item alignment to state standards
  + Consider Invitation to Negotiate rather than Request for Proposal
  + Accessibility features and accommodations vendors provide
  + Common interface for students taking summative and interim
  + Approach to project management
  + Be more specific in asking how writing is assessed
* The Director of Statewide Assessment will provide an update on the Request for Information process at the February TAC meeting.